Statement

Details of approved Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIPs) and Central Grant released

s. No.	Name *pi* the State Government	Location of EPIP	Central Grant released (Rs. in crores)
1.	Kerala	Kakkanad. Distt. Ernakulam.	8.49
2.	Maharastra	Ambarnath, Distt. Thane.	10.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	Baddi, Distt. Solan	3.00
A.	Rajasthan	Sitapura, Distt. Jaipur.	10.00
5.	Haryana	Kundli, Distt. Sonepat.	5.00
6.	Karnataka	Hoodi, Distt. Bangalore.	10.00
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Surajpur, Distt. Gautambudh Nagar.	10.00
8.	Tamil Nadu	Gummidipundi, Distt. Chegalpattu MGR	3.37
9	Andhra Pradesh	Pashamylaram, Distt. Medak.	7.05
10.	Gujarat	Savli, Distt. Baroda.	7.20
11	Bihar	Hajipur, Distt. Vaishali.	3.00
12.	Meghalaya	Byrnihat, Distt, ribhoi.	7.50
13.	West Bengal	Durgapur, Distt. Burdwan.	5.75
14.	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar, Distt. Khurda.	4.50
15.	Punjab	Dhandari Kalan, Distt. Ludhiana.	5.90
16.	Assam	Amingaon, Near Guwahati, Distt Kamrup.	6.75
17.	Jammu & Kashmir	Samba, Distt. Jammu.	4.25
18.	Madhya Pradesh	Pithampur, Distt. Dhar.	4.50
19.	Manipur	Khunuta Chingjin In Thoubal Distt	No amount of Central assistance released as proposal from State Government has not been received.

Request from Government of Kerala For Exchange of Ships

1575. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any request from Government of Kerala for exchange of ships built at Cochine Shipyard in exchange for import of Iranian Crude Oil; and

(b) the action taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) A representation was received,

from Smt. Suseela Gopalan, Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Social Welfare, Government of Kerala for export of ships by Cochin Shipyards Limited (CSL) in exchange of import of Iranian Crude Oil. The Ministry of Surface Transport, the administrative Ministry in the matter, has informed that no firmed up proposal has been received by them from CSL in this regard.

Export of Iron and Bauxite from Paradip Port

1576. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of iron ore and bauxite exported by MMTC through Paradip Port which was procured from Orissa in the last three years year-wise;

(b) the different iron ore and bauxite mines in Orissa from which these minerals were procured;

(c) whether the procurement and export of iron ore and bauxite have been decreasing every year;

(d) if .so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the negotiation made with various countries for the export of iron ore and bauxite till 2000 AD?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Sir, the quantum of iron ore procured from Orissa and exported through Paradip Port during the last three years is given below:

(Qty.: Lakh MTs)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Procurement from Orissa	7.37	9.49	6.09
Export through Paradip Port	15.82	10.9	9.88

(The ores received at Paradip Port from the State of Orissa and Bihar are stacked together and exported in consolidated paracels, and hence lose their separate identity.)

MMTC has not exported Bauxite through the Port of Paradip in the last three years.

(b) The details of mining companies from which iron ore was procured are given in the statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Procurement of Iron ore increased in 1996-97 but was lower during 1997-98 due to adequate availability of stock with MMTC. Export of Iron Ore from Paradip Port, however, has been decresing due to overall lower intake of iron ore by major buyers.

The reasons for decline in exports and hence procurement, are as follows:

(1) Change in EXIM policy decanalising iron ore with iron content upto 64%.

(2) successive increase in railway freight making export viability uneconomic;

(3) Reduced off take by major foreign buyers due to (i) Draft limitation at Paradip Port. Since only smaller vessels can call at Paradip Port, there is a higher incidence of ocean freight, (ii) Severe economic crisis in Japan, China and Pakistan, leading to reduced production of steel, which in turn, has led to reduction in iron ore imports by them.

(e) MMTC Ltd. has contracted for export of iron ore ranging from 0.3 million tonnes to 1.00 million tonnes of Lumps annually to Japan for the period 1996-2000. Presently buyers are operating the contract at the lowest end of the range for the last three years. Prices and quantities are negotiated with Japanese Steel Mills on an annual basis. Export ot Iron ore to China is negotiated on spot contract basis.